



GRACE

PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Welcome & Preparation: Tom Ayres

Song of Worship: **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumph of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; The humble poor believe.

Prayer of Adoration:

Silent Praise & Thanksgiving:

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:3-11 Aimee Astarita

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Call to Worship: From Psalm 95 & 96

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

All: **For he is the Lord, our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.**

Leader: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

All: **For he comes to judge the world; he will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his truth.**

Songs of Worship:

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong

Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh?
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him

There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death (*Repeat*)

Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever
Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all (*Repeat*)

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

Hear your people sing Holy
To the king of kings Holy
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Children's Dismissal & Announcements: Fill out our [Connection Card. www.gracehamptons.org/connect](http://www.gracehamptons.org/connect)

- **GraceGroups 101 and 301 resume this week.**
- **Ladies Bible Study.** Tuesdays, 9AM. Dive into God's Word and enjoy weekly fellowship! For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesleym@gracehamptons.org).
- **GraceYouth Group** Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM. This week, we have a special youth group gathering led by Mark Middlekauff and Nate Burns! We will meet at the church for some fun times and good Bible conversations.
- **Congregational Prayer Gathering.** Sunday, June 1st, after the worship service.
- **GraceGroups Gradu-Celebration!** Sunday, June 22nd, after the worship service at the Middlekauff Home. All GraceGroup participants and their families are invited to celebrate the first group to graduate from our discipleship program with a fun pool party at the home of Mark and Lesley Middlekauff (14 Ocean View Pkwy, Southampton)! For more information, contact Adriana Pariz (adriana@gracehamptons.org).
- **Beach Volleyball & Hotdogs at Long Beach!** Saturday, June 28th, 6PM. Invite friends and family to kick off the summer with us at our annual Beach Volleyball & Hotdogs gathering at Long Beach in Sag Harbor! We'll bring the volleyball, net, and a grill. You bring your drink and creative toppings for your hot dogs (we'll have mustard and ketchup). For more information, contact Adriana Pariz (adriana@gracehamptons.org).
- **Save the Date: GraceYouth - Wilderness Adventure in the Adirondacks!** Monday, August 4th to Friday, August 8th. High school students are invited to head up state to the Beautiful Adirondacks for a

week of wilderness adventure including paddling, hiking, and camping out. It will be a great chance to unplug, enjoy God's creation, and listen for his voice. For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesleym@gracehamptons.org).

- **Little Free Pantry.** Our LFP has become essential to our community and gets regular, consistent use and so our supplies are once again severely depleted. Please consider donating items to help us regularly re-stock the pantry. Visit gracehamptons.org/LFP to find our [Amazon link](#) to order supplies and have them shipped straight to Grace Church!

Offertory: *To give via text, text the word "GIVE" to [833-892-6212](tel:833-892-6212). First time givers will have to fill out a short form with billing information. After the initial setup, giving is as easy as sending a text message.*

Prayer of Confession:

All: **Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we now come near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your Word, and leaning on your arm. We joyfully beg to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Private Confession:

Words of Encouragement: Romans 8:31-34

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died- more than that, who was raised- who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Prayer of the People: David Klein

Sermon Series: *1 Corinthians: Christ's Church Alive in the Gospel*

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 16:1-11

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¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. ² On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. ³ And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴ If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

⁵ I will visit you after passing through Macedonia, for I intend to pass through Macedonia, ⁶ and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may help me on my journey, wherever I go. ⁷ For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. ⁸ But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, ⁹ for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

¹⁰ When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am. ¹¹ So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace, that he may return to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers.

The Lord's Supper:

Hymn of Response:

The Love of God

The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin.

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.

When years of time shall pass away, And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men, who here refuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure, All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race, The saints' and angels' song.

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above, Would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song. *(Repeat)*

Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Dismissal:

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: **Hallelujah, amen!**